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Continuing Education

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The current requirements are as follows:

Licensed Social Workers are to obtain fifteen (15) hours of continuing education per three (3) year renewal.

Certified Social Workers and Licensed Clinical Social Workers are to obtain thirty (30) hours of continuing education per three (3) year renewal.

Of the total number of required hours, each licensee is required to receive a three (3) hour social work ethics training.

The two (2) hour HIV/AIDS training is good for ten (10) years. However, you must obtain the HIV/AIDS training during your first renewal.

The three (3) hour Domestic Violence is a one time only mental health law to be obtained during your first renewal.

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Senate Bill 88

As many of you are aware, the Board proposed an amendment to KRS 335.080, 090 and 100, during the past legislative session.

Although the Board put forth much effort regarding the six (6) month waiting period to retake the Association of Social Work Board exam, the law did not pass. Therefore, the waiting period remains the same.

This same amendment will be presented during the next legislative session.

Disciplinary Actions

The following is a summary of disciplinary actions taken against credential holders by the Board since the last Newsletter. This summary is intended for informational purposes only. All information is believed to be accurate; however, complete items of each disciplinary action are contained in the Board's written records.

Sandra Gayle Carter

June 25, 2003

On June 25, 2003, the Kentucky Board of Social Work issued a Letter of Reprimand to Ms. Carter. This letter outlined the Board's findings that Ms. Carter had failed to properly maintain records in a confidential manner. The letter of reprimand will be placed in Ms. Carter's permanent file.

Michael Schwerin, CSW

November 17, 2003

On November 17, 2003, the Kentucky Board of Social Work entered into a Settlement Agreement and took disciplinary action against Michael Schwerin. The Board maintains findings at a Formal Hearing that Mr. Schwerin violated the law and regulations relating to social work by entering into a dual relationship with a client. The Board and Mr. Schwerin agreed to a full license suspension of five (5) years.

William Dinwiddie, LCSW

January 26, 2004

On January 26, 2004, the Kentucky Board of Social Work entered into a Settlement Agreement and took disciplinary action against William Dinwiddie. The Board maintains Mr. Dinwiddie violated the law and regulations relating to social work by entering into a dual relationship with a client. The Board and Mr. Dinwiddie agreed to: 1) a reprimand that will be maintained the Board's records as part of Mr. Dinwiddie's file; and 2) six (6) months supervision.

Ann Marie Ward

February 23, 2004

On February 23, 2004, the Kentucky Board of Social Work entered into a Settlement Agreement and took disciplinary action against Ann Marie Ward, CSW. The Board maintains Ms. Ward violated the law and regulations relating to social work by exceeding the scope of practice established in KRS 335.010 (2). The Board and Ms. Ward agreed to: 1) a letter of reprimand to be placed in Ms. Ward's permanent file; and 2) six (6) months of supervision of her social work practice.

Sue Westerfield, CSW

April 26, 2004

On January 26, 2004, the Kentucky Board of Social Work entered into a Settlement Agreement and took disciplinary action against Sue Westerfield. The Board maintains findings at a Formal Hearing that Ms. Westerfield violated the law and regulations relating to social work by entering into a dual relationship with a client. The Board and Ms. Westerfield agreed to: 1) automatic license suspension for twenty (20) days; and 2) a three (3) semester hour course focusing on social work ethics and boundary issues to be completed by December 31, 2004.

2004 BOARD MEETING DATES

? January 26, 2004	11:00 a.m.
? February 23, 2004	11:00 a.m.
? March 22, 2004	11:00 a.m.
? April 26, 2004	11:00 a.m.
? May 24, 2004	11:00 a.m.
? June 28, 2004	11:00 a.m.
? July 26, 2004	11:00 a.m.
? August 23, 2004	11:00 a.m.
? September 27, 2004	11:00 a.m.
? October 25, 2004	11:00 a.m.
? November 15, 2004	11:00 a.m.
? December 20, 2004	11:00 a.m.

All Board meetings are open to the public and are held at the Board offices located at the Division of Occupations and Professions, 911 Leawood Drive, 2nd floor, Frankfort, Kentucky.

Attention!

KRS 335.080 states "no certified social worker shall enter into a practice of clinical social work until a supervision contract has been approved by the Board."

Many Certified Social Workers believe that supervision ends when the 200 hours are completed and they apply and are approved to sit for the clinical exam. Fact is, Certified Social Workers must remain under supervision until the clinical exam is passed.

If you fail the clinical exam, you must have a valid contract in place and remain under supervision until the exam is passed.

Committee Reports

The Board often receives complaints from licensees who want special consideration for their lack of following the law and regulations. Though the Board understands that error can occur in meeting the requirements, it should be made clear that ignorance of the law is not a defense.

It is the responsibility of the licensee to know the law and regulations governing the practice of social work. It is very important that you have an updated version of the law. The latest copy printed is December 2002. **The booklet is also on the website.**

If you have questions, please contact Billie McCall, Board Administrator, who will be able to answer questions or bring your questions and concerns to the full Board.

Have You Moved?

If you have moved since your last renewal, we need for you to let the Board office know. Otherwise we may not be able to get your next renewal form to you.

You may obtain a Name/Address Change form by accessing our Web Site or by contacting the Board Office.

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ON-LINE VERIFICATION OF CREDENTIALS

By accessing the board's web page (see address on page 1), you can enter the last name of the registrant and check the person's credential type, number, issue date, expiration date, disciplinary action and current status. This is an excellent way for you to track your expiration date. You may also want to verify that your record shows no disciplinary action, if that is the case. In addition to the Social Work Board, the verification page also shows other boards which are under the purview of the Division of Occupations and Professions which includes, among others, Psychology, Professional Counselors and Alcohol/Drug Counselors. ✍

ONLINE RENEWALS

On-line renewal of credentials now available! By accessing the board's web page (see address on page 1), you can now renew your license online by using a credit card. Just click and follow the instructions. You will be required to list your Continuing Education Courses and once listed, you will be issued a new identification card. There is a convenience fee in addition to the renewal fee for this service - *License cost \$50.00 - \$99.00 the convenience fee is \$2.00. License cost \$100.00 - \$200.00 the convenience fee is \$4.00.* ✍

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